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**MR. PRICHARD'S CANDIDACY.**

The many friends of Mr. J. G. Prichard in Marion county are glad to learn that he is again a candidate for the clerkship of the house of delegates. They recognize his fitness and qualifications for the place and the Republicans appreciate his party service.

He is thoroughly familiar with the work he seeks to do, having filled the place during the last session of the legislature to the satisfaction of the members of the house and with credit to himself.

Mr. Prichard has risen to a place of importance in the business and political activity of the state, having made a fine record at the University as a student, qualifying him for the active practice of his profession as a member of the Marion county bar.

Under his leadership, as chairman of the congressional committee of the first district, the former Democratic majority of about 3,000 for Mr. Neely was reduced to about 500 votes.

While Marion county is not favored with Republican representation in the legislature that is no reason why party workers of Marion county who are qualified are not to be given recognition.

Mr. Prichard is well versed in parliamentary law, which is very necessary in expediting the public business. The county committee of this county has passed strong resolutions endorsing Mr. Prichard's candidacy and the committee's endorsement has the approval of Republicans generally. There is a field full of active candidates and what we say in Mr. Prichard's behalf is not said to the prejudice of any other candidate for that place.

**A GREAT VAUDEVILLE TEAM.**

Mr. A. M. Glover and J. Walter Barnes would make a great vaudeville team if they would do a turn together. With Mr. Glover coming on with his celebrated monologue on "The mysterious disappearance of the people's \$28,000," and followed by Mr. Barnes with his celebrated Grand Opera House address on "The Salary Grabber's I have known" would bring a "scream" from the down-trodden taxpayers. Mr. Haggerty might close the performance with his latest popular song, entitled, "It's as easy to draw a thousand as it is to draw your breath," accompanied by the Salary Grabbers' Chorus of the City Hall.

**NEEDS A NEW TITLE.**

If Mr. Glover would change the title of his address on the "History of the Marion Road Bonds," and give it a more popular title something like the following, he would have an unprecedented seat sale. A few suggestions follow:

"How to juggle a bond sale to make \$28,000 disappear before the eyes." Or, "If the West Virginian had kept still we might have gotten away with it." Or, "Making the records straight regardless of the facts."

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**Drug Store**

**HISTORY OF MARION ROAD BONDS.**  
The Times reports that Mr. A. M. Glover, president of the county court, delivered a lecture at Morgantown yesterday on "The History of Marion Road Bonds." If Mr. Glover told all he knows about the sale of these bonds below par and against the law, it must have been a very interesting address.

**WE WILL HIRE A HALL.**

If Mr. Glover will deliver his lecture on the "Marion Road Bonds" here we will hire a brass band and pay the rent on the opera house, provided he tells all he knows about the road bond issue.

**OH, NO INDEED!**

Mr. Glover did not tell the people of Morgantown that the court lost \$28,000 of the people's money by selling the road bonds at 96 cents, when the law says they shall not be sold below par.

**GOING OUT OF THE COUNTY.**

We are not surprised at Mr. Glover going outside of Marion county when he discusses the road bonds of this county. If he can explain to the people why a 17-year-old boy was put on a \$400,000 road job as inspector, he will prove to be a very fine entertainer.

**HOW IS IT NOW?**

Mr. Glover in his lecture at Morgantown yesterday on the road bonds stated that at first he was condemned by a large number of dissatisfied taxpayers. He might have added that since he is condemned by a great deal larger number of infuriated taxpayers.

**WOULD DRAW BIG CROWD.**

Mr. Glover could draw a large house if he would address the people of Fairmont on the road bonds, provided he advertised that he would tell the people all he knows about it.

**HOW TO SAVE A FEW MILLIONS.**

If Congress would abolish the office of Postmaster altogether there would be a saving to the country of from three to four million dollars per year. Nine cases out of ten the postmaster is a mere political figurehead.

No, Mabel, the blow given to the Blue Sky law by the courts is not what makes the clouds hang so darkly overhead.

We see by the paper that the reports of those in attendance upon the Bull Moose autopsy in Chicago were greeted with applause.

We try not to be over critical of the tastes of others, but it seems to us that, with the corpse still in the house, such demonstrations border upon the unseemly.

Meanwhile, there seems to be a difference of opinion as to what shall be done with the "remains." Some favor burial and others embalming.

The offer of the New York convict to sacrifice his life for mankind probably is genuine and it is not likely to hurt his chances when application for his pardon from the penitentiary is made.

Next to the newspapers, the thermometer is an elderly man's favorite reading matter.

The only unprejudiced opinion is that of the man who doesn't know and cares less.

What, by the way, has become of the old fashioned man of whom it was said: "He'd steal acorns from a blind sow?"

No matter what the odds are, it's a poor bet if you lose it.

Paradise is that particular section of the country which the advertising department at a railway chances to be describing.

If you wish to know all about a family employ the hired girl who formerly worked for it.

What has become of the old fashioned man who considered it a distraction to have a tooth pulled without taking anything to deaden the pain.

That is not the accepted definition, but the facts are that a spontaneous movement is one that has been carefully worked up by its promoters.

Conservatism seldom attracts attention. A woman in titles no longer is classed as a spectacle.

**BECOMING A HABIT.**

Perhaps the time Walter Barnes takes from the management of the Consolidated Telephone Company to look after his \$2,000 salary at the city hall makes it necessary to raise the rates on the phone service of the company—or has the idea of increasing salaries at the City Hall grown upon to such an extent that it has become a habit with him and must be applied to his telephone patrons.

**ONE ADVANTAGE.**

One advantage of having only one telephone company in Fairmont would be that Mr. Barnes would find more time to devote to his arduous duty of drawing his \$2,000 salary from the city.

J. Jerome Haddox, that versatile newspaper editor, who has been the means of bringing quite a number of West Virginia weekly newspapers into the spotlight, is now focusing the attention of the exchanges, big and little, upon the town of Marlinton, Pocahontas county, using the independent as the megaphone through which his eulphonic expressions are disseminated. The Huntington Herald-Dispatch takes notice in the following manner:

"J. Jerome Haddox, the irrepressible journalistic composita, used to

be a circuit rider, which probably accounts for his nomadic habits as a journalist. Where is he now? At Marlinton, Pocahontas county, editing the Independent."

**SHOWING IMPROVEMENT.**

The Gratton Sentinel is coming out now from its new home and is being printed on its new Cox-Duplex perfecting press, which adds greatly to the appearance of the paper. The Sentinel is showing evidences of prosperity and is keeping its plant and equipment abreast with the possibilities of its excellent field.

**YIELDING TO PUBLIC OPINION.**

The report is current at Charleston that Mayor J. F. Bedell will resign. Mr. Bedell is the head of the bipartisan farce government here. Fairmont has and Charleston is credited by its newspapers and many of its best citizens with having the rottenest government in the state.

The Mayor is acting wisely. He knows since MacCorkle was defeated for the Senate that there is no hope of saving the double-headed farce any longer than it takes the coming legislature to do away with it. The people are going to have some say in the next charter Charleston has and Fairmont being afflicted with the same city killing monstrosity of a city government can take heart that the system is being driven out. It's main henchmen are now willing to surrender their offices in the face of public condemnation. Keep your courage, good people, Fairmont has relief in sight.

**NERVE RACKING.**

These modern battles are too much like the continued-in-out-next stories to be satisfying. It is bad enough in a story to have the crucial event postponed until the next issue, and then the next, and so on, but when it comes to life and death matters like the struggles of Europe, when the fate of nations, and perhaps, even civilizations are at stake, this postponement of "decisions" is very exasperating and nerve racking.—Charleston Mail.

**Song and Story**

**Gen. Lord Roberts.**  
(From Kipling's "Bob's")  
See that little red-faced man,  
That's Bob;  
Rides the tallest horse he can,  
Does Bob;  
If it bucks and kicks and rears,  
'E will sit for 20 years  
With a smile round both his ears,  
Will Bob.  
Dress by Bob.  
If a gun 's slipped his trace,  
'Ook on Bob.

**An Owl with an "H."**  
A lady selecting a hat at a milliner's asked, cautiously:  
"Is there anything about these feathers that might bring me into trouble with the Bird Protection Society?"  
"Oh, no, madam," said the milliner.  
"But, did they not belong to some bird?" persisted the lady.  
"Well, madam," returned the milliner pleasantly, "these feathers are the feathers of a howl; and the howl, you know, madam, seen' as 'ow howl 'e is of mice, is more of a cat than a bird."

**The Ruling Prejudice.**  
The Buyer—it looks well. The lines are rarely beautiful. It's quite classy, in fact.

The Salesman—Yes, it's attracting a lot of attention.

"A very recent importation."

"No."

"I beg your pardon. Am I to understand it isn't a Paris creation?"  
"It isn't. It's strictly American."

"How absurd. I don't see how you have the assurance to make it so prominent. Why, the thing is absolutely impossible. There isn't a bit of style to it. Any one can see at a glance that it's faulty in every way. Not made in Paris! Good morning!"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

**Just Smiles**

**Hal! A Real Live One.**  
Miss Alicia Mollycoddle, the wealthy aunt of Mr. Willie Green, accompanied by Mr. Wyndom Stockoff home, and will be the guest of her protegee, Mr. H. Pocahontas Bradbury, while in the city.—Gallopis Tribune.

**Can't Cash in on That.**

The editor of the Oasatomie Graphic says that he has read a good deal about the per capita distribution of wealth, but has noticed that the nearest a good many country editors come to having their share is in the "gems of thought" in the "silver lining" and "golden sunsets."

**She Loved Her Lawyer, but Oh, You Live Stock!**  
She knew that to unite her lot with the young attorney meant the severing of all ties that bound her to her rural home and the live stock she was interested in. It was on account of these things that kept her for a time from accepting the heart and hand of the suitor who so diligently pressed his suit.—Canton (Mo.) News.

**Well, Why Not?**  
The singer, at the time of the accident, was accompanied by Mrs. S. H. Nussbaum, a pianist.—Chicago (Ill.) Tribune.

**A Precocious Infant.**  
Take our old friend Trilzie Friganza. She began life as a department store clerk in Cincinnati—Cleveland (O.) Plain Dealer.

**You Know How Women Are!**

**FINE FODDER**  
Mushrooms are ripe! Mushrooms are ripe!  
I tell you what.  
They hit the spot—  
They're better, much, than pickled tripe!

When you know where mushrooms is at,  
If you're real cute,  
Out there you'll scoot,  
And grab enough to fill a hat.

Some ginks prefer black bass and cats,  
If they but knew,  
Mushrooms they'd chew,  
And chuck a lot inside their slats.

"Don't know," you say, "mushrooms by sight?"  
Well, if you're fooled,  
And get toadstooled—  
You'll go to heaven—that is, you might.

—Picksmith.

"I know I'm old-fashioned!" said Kity.  
"I'm fussy. I am—it's the truth!"  
"I don't mind your wife in Oil City."  
"But I can't stand the one in Du-luth."

—James Montgomery Flagg.

**CURIOUS FACTS.**

Switzerland spends more on relief of the poor than does any other country.

Fire losses and the expense of fire prevention cost the United States more each year than the total value of its production of gold, silver, copper and petroleum.

Philadelphia uses an accurate testing plant, carried on an automobile, to ascertain whether its various forms of street lights are maintained at contract stations.

The total number of emigrants from Sweden to the United States was 12,338 in 1912 and 12,202 in 1913; from the three Scandinavian countries, 31,601 in 1912 and 37,208 in 1913; and from Finland, 66,641 in 1912 and 12,756 in 1913.

The women of London do not confine themselves in knitting socks, sewing shirts, making bandages and attending the wounded. Mrs. Haverfield, wife of a British officer, has formed a volunteer corps for home defense, and the women are drilling, rifle shooting and marching. If the Germans come an enthusiastic and capable body of women fighters will be offered to the war office.

Philadelphia's yearly loss because of rats is estimated at \$1,000,000.

German universities had 59,603 students last winter, of whom more than 5,000 were foreigners.

The Brandywine river was first named the Fishkill. Bruce says that the stream was renamed by the Dutch to commemorate the loss at its mouth of a vessel loaded with brandy.

Another authority says the name was given on account of a famous distillery on its banks.

**Luke McLuke**  
(From Cincinnati Enquirer.)

You may have noticed that the fellow who whines that the world owes him a living usually owes everybody in the neighborhood.

The trouble with the fellow who has a Skye Terrier mustache is that he takes his finger and makes a toothbrush of his microbic strainers every time he drinks anything.

And the high cost of living wasn't so much in the old days when a boy came home from school and chopped wood instead of seeing how many balls he could run at pool.

The pliedriver and the pneumatic hammer are in a class by themselves. They can do a great deal of work and yet make a lot of noise about it.

Father tries to be a good fellow. But when father is treating he takes beer at 5 cents per beer, and when the other fellow is treating father takes squirrel milk at 15 cents per copy.

In winter when there isn't anything doing, the fellow who is driving the auto can't wait to pass a street car and goes around it on the left side when the car stops. But in summer when the high steps are on the job, the auto man is in no hurry and hangs around in the rear of the car until the last corn-fed has hoisted.

Anyway, the woman who marries a deaf mute gets a good rest every night. She knows that he isn't going to talk in his sleep.

When a princess learns that in telephone language 1,000 is not one thousand, but one-O-double-O, she likes to ask for numbers that contain lots of ciphers so she can impress the operator with her wisdom.

**In-Shoots**

Distance usually magnifies the faults of our neighbors.

Investigation often proves that some characters are only skin deep.

Decency can be cultivated, but it is better that it should be natural.

And virtue's own pay envelope in most cases looks as though an elephant had stepped on it.

Office holders whom the gods would destroy are first made indifferent to the wishes of the people.

The reform bug seldom crawls under the hat of the man who is holding down a fat-salaried official job.

**State Editors**

**EXTRAVAGANCE**

City officials have eclipsed all former years for reckless extravagance, when the budget for running the city in 1914 shot up to the incomprehensible figure of \$307,353.05 1913 cost \$286,506.32 and the astounded taxpayers believed that these figures represented the breaking point, but under privilege control extravagance continues rampant. And little hope of retrenchment may be indulged, unless "the special interests" are beaten in the spring election. Their defeat can not be secured without a change of the city charter, and the introduction of a "different mode of choosing elects" should be made non-partisan for this will deliver a crushing blow to bossism and its special interest behind it.—Cincinnati Sun Herald.

**WAR TAX**

Effective on December, 1914, the provision of the Act of Congress of October 22, 1914, commonly known as the War Revenue Tax Bill must be observed. All shippers of both freight and express will be interested in the following extract from the law:

"It shall be the duty of every railroad or steamboat company, carrier, express company or corporation or person whose occupation is to act as such to issue to the shippers or consignor, or his agent, or person from whom any goods are expected for transportation where a charge exceeding 5 cent is made a bill of lading, manifest, or other evidence of receipt and forwarding for each shipment received for carriage and transportation, wheat, in bulk or in boxes, bales, packages, bundles, or not so inclosed or included; and such shippers consignor, agent or person shall duly attach and cancel, as in this Act provided to each of said bills of lading manifest, or other memorandum, a stamp of the value of 1 cent."

The fact that the law provides that the shippers shall affix and cancel the stamp, which must be a special internal revenue stamp, should not be overlooked. Postage stamps cannot be used for the purpose. At the present time the special stamps can be obtained only from the Internal Revenue Department, and consignors may prevent possible delay to shipments by providing themselves with the stamps at once.

**WEST VIRGINIAN NEWS**

The article published Monday in this column under the caption, "Additional Revenue Needed" without credit should have been credited to the West Virginian News also.

A woman's favorite church is the one she joined when a girl. A man's favorite church is the one which will bring him the greatest number of customers.

**Current Comment**

**MODERN PILLAR OF SALT.**

A mountain of rock salt, 300 feet in height and nearly a mile in diameter, is described by Prof. E. F. Gautier as existing near Jella, Algiers. Two other hills of this character are known in Algeria, both near Diskra, and in all cases the salt is surrounded by trassic marls and clay. A curious feature of the Jella hill is the fact that in spite of the very soluble character of the material composing it, it stands up in high relief from the surrounding clay, and contains no valleys or other signs of erosion. It does, however, contain a number of sink-holes, as in a limestone country. When the brief torrential rains of winter occur the water sinks almost at once into these cavities and soak thru the permeable salt, emerging at the margin of the hill in salt springs. The same showers falling on impermeable clays and marls produce a maximum of mechanical erosion, so that these substances are worn away, leaving the salt in high relief.—Scientific American.

**INSTINCT OF DIPLOMACY.**

Among the tributes to Ambassador Horrick was this one: "If he didn't have the science of his new calling he had the instinct for it." Whether or not that fits Mr. Horrick as a diplomat, it is worth noting that in the peculiar calling of diplomacy an instinct for it is much more valuable than training alone. In an emergency instinctive tact, insight and common sense will outclass natural stupidity, however veneered by schooling in the service. This explains Benjamin Franklin, one of the greatest of diplomats and the founder of such diplomacy as the United States can boast of.—Springfield Republican.

**MEXICAN FOG**

The situation in Mexico cannot be called hopeless, because precisely the same state of affairs has existed since before the republic was proclaimed in 1824. The first actually peaceful transference of the executive power occurred in 1851, when Mariano Arista succeeded Herrera, whose administration had been fitful. Before that every president had been deposed and at least one had been murdered. There were not infrequently two or more presidents at the same time. Not counting Santa Ana, a man of great power, treacherous and blood-thirsty, who ruled often but not for long terms, Mexico has produced but two men capable of establishing law and order, Juarez and Porfirio Diaz. There is no such man in sight now.—Cumberland News.

**16 DAYS TILL CHRISTMAS.**

IT IS NOW WISE TO SHOP EARLY TO AVOID THE RUSH. REMEMBER

Not to forget your friends. We have many things that would please any man. Ties, hose, supporters, belts, suspenders, bathrobes, hats, collar bags, shirts, combination sets, initialed handkerchiefs, suits, overcoats.

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**MAKE HOME YOUR HOME**

THE word HOME is often robbed of all its sweet, tender significance, because of the spectres of rent days, the interest days or foreclosures, perhaps. Yet it isn't such a big step to actually owning a home.

A few dollars put into the bank regularly, has enabled many persons in this community to OWN their homes.

Have something to show for your labor. Regular saving and banking here will pave the way.

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**LITTLE BOBBIE'S PA**  
By William F. Kirk

The teacher asked us yesterday to all go home rite after skool & rite a poem about Peece. The world is getting weary of war, our teacher sed, & the moar our thoughts turn to Peece the happier we shall be.

Well, Bobbie, sed Pa to me when I toald him & Ma what the teacher wanted, I suppos you want me to rite you poem for you.

No, I toald Pa, I want to rite it myself, bekaus the teacher sed to us that we shud ask for no help in riteing those poems, & that the one wich sounded the best wud git a prize if we cud promise her that we rote it ourself. I was thinking I wud like to git that prize, I sed.

Indeed, sed Pa, & what makes you think that you cud win a prize if you did the riteing yourself?

I never knew of you winning any poetry prizes, Ma sed to Pa. You must not teech our littel son to be deceedful, anyhow, she sed. If you rote a poem for him you wuddent like to have him say that it is his, wud you?

I wuddent say that it was mine, anyway, I toald Ma, bekaus I donut think it wud be as good as one wich I can write myself. If Pa wants to rite a poem, I sed, he can rite one & I will rite one & you can see for yurelf wich one you think is the best, I sed to Ma.

So Pa got sum palper & a pencil & I did the saim & I got my poem finished the first, but I let Pa read his first. It took Pa two (2) hours to rite his poem & he ought to have did it quicker. This is the way his poem went:

Eternal Peece.  
Eternal peece, eternal peece,  
Such as thay sumtimes had in Greece,  
I wish that peece was here again

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**The Men's Wear Store**  
Is In Gift Array

It is a fine place for women in doubt as to what to give husband, son or brother.

On every side are welcome solutions—displayed to give a good idea of the variety.

And these are safe gifts. Any man will like them. It will rejoice his heart to get a fine house gown or smoking jacket, or silk shirt, or some rare neckwear, or gloves. These things and many, many more. Come in handsome Xmas boxes and are the delight of the trade.